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First DMU for SBCTA leaves Stadler factory

Stadler starts delivery of second US-manufactured project: The first of three DMU trains for San Bernardino County Transit Authority (SBCTA) leaves Stadler's Salt Lake City manufacturing facility.

This is the second project Stadler is able to deliver to a transit authority from its Salt Lake City location, after delivering trains to Trinity Metro's Texrail line in Fort Worth, TX, in 2019. Upon arrival in San Bernardino County, all three Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) vehicles are scheduled to undergo extensive testing on SBCTA's infrastructure.

In September 2017, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority ordered three (3) diesel-electric low-floor multiple unit FLIRTs from Stadler for the Arrow passenger rail service, also known as the Redlands Passenger Rail Project. The trains operate on a nine (9) mile commuter route with five (5) stations in the corridor between the San Bernardino Transit Center and the University of Redlands.

«We are pleased to deliver these state-of-the-art vehicles to San Bernardino County this year. We are confident that our DMUs will allow SBCTA to provide excellent passenger rail service to their customers and that passengers will enjoy travelling on the new trains after successful completion of testing,» said Martin Ritter, CEO Stadler US Inc. «This is just the beginning of a longstanding relationship between Stadler and SBCTA. As we finish up the DMU project we have already started the next project for SBCTA: the hydrogen train FLIRT H₂,» said Ritter.

The design of the DMU vehicles allows operation of a mixed fleet including freight trains. The DMUs comply with Alternative Vehicle Technology (AVT) requirements of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and meet the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buy America requirements. The FLIRTs for SBCTA offer 116 seats and additional standing room for 120 passengers.

«This initial shipment represents the culmination of a lot of hard work and collaboration to improve transit options in San Bernardino County,» said Curt Hagman, President of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority. «It is also the pivotal first step to bringing cleaner transit technologies that will effectively move our residents throughout the region.»

In addition to the three DMUs, in 2019 SBCTA and Stadler signed the first ever contract to supply a hydrogen-powered train, to run in the United States. The hydrogen train FLIRT H₂ is currently in development in Stadler's headquarter in Switzerland and is planned to be introduced in 2024 as part of Arrow.

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 75 years. The provider of rail vehicle construction solutions has its headquarters in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. It has a workforce of around 13,000 based in various production and engineering locations as well as more than 60 service locations. The company is conscious of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the field of mainline railways and city transport includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, metros, tramways and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

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About SBCTA

Serving more than 2.1 million residents of San Bernardino County, the SBCTA is responsible for cooperative regional planning and furthering an efficient multi-modal transportation system countywide. The SBCTA administers Measure I, the half-cent transportation sales tax approved by county voters in 1989, and supports freeway construction projects, regional and local road improvements, train and bus transportation, railroad crossings, call boxes, ridesharing, congestion management efforts, and long-term planning studies.

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